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SOUTHERN RELIGION.

At a recent conference of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Confederate States, resolutions were adopted which occasioned the following remarks by the Duke of Argyle, at a local meeting of the Bible Society.—“This great assembly of an important Church goes on to declare, not that negro slavery is an evil of which it is difficult to get rid—for in that I could heartily sympathise with them—but that negro slavery is a system on which they are to plant their national life. Nor is that all. They go on to declare that the opinion which seeks for an ultimate abolition of slavery is not only a hateful opinion, but an infidel opinion.”

FLOGGING OF WOMEN.

“One Jones whipped a woman to death for stealing from a potatoe hill.”—“I know a minister of talents, and popular as a preacher, who took his negro girl into the barn to whip her, and she was brought out a corpse.” The friends of the minister seemed to think it of “little importance to his ministerial standing.” He was not indicted. This was in Virginia.

The “owner” of a female slave, and a *religious* man, flogged her twice, for twice refusing to become the victim of wickedness. To avoid a third flogging, or possibly death itself, she consented.

See *American Slave Code*, p.p. 196, 197, 204, &c., Edition of 1853.